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SUBJECT: GON REACTION TO NATO MINISTERIAL, SECRETARY'S MEETING
WITH THE EC-9, AND BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY

1. IN DECEMBER 13 CONVERSATION WITH THE CHARGE FONOFF POLITICAL
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AFFAIRS DIRECTOR GENERAL VAN LYNDEN INDICATED GENERAL SATISFACTION

WITH RESULTS OF DECEMBER 10-11 NATO MINISTERIAL BUT ADMITTED DIS-APPOINTMENT THAT IT HAD NOT SUCCEEDED AS MUCH AS HE WOULD HAVE LIKED IN REPAIRING THE INTERNAL STRAINS AND DISAGREEMENTS OCCASIONED BY THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT. HE APPEARED TO HOLD FONMIN JOBERT LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS. HE FELT THAT THE FRANK AND FORTHCOMING POSITION TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY DESERVED A MORE POSITIVE RESPONSE BY AMERICA'S ALLIES. HE THEREFORE CON-CLUDED THAT THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAD DEVELOPED IN RECENT WEEKS HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN TOTALLY RESOLVED.

2. VAN LYNDEN WAS GRATIFIED BY THE FACT OF THE MEETING OF THE SECRETARY AND EC-9 FOREIGN MINISTERS, AND BY THE TENOR OF THE DISCUSSIONS. HE GAVE THE SECRETARY CREDIT FOR HAVING INDUCED JOBERT TO PLAY A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE PART IN THIS MEETING THAN HE HAD IN THE NATO DISCUSSIONS THE DAY BEFORE. GIVEN THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES AND DELICACY OF THE GON'S POSITION VAN LYNDEN WAS ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL AND REASSURED BY THE SECRETARY'S EMPHATIC VIEW THAT THERE WAS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN EUROPEAN UNITY AND ATLANTIC UNITY, THAT ON THE CONTRARY THEY SUPPORTED AND STRENGTHENED EACH OTHER.

3. FROM VAN LYNDEN'S POINT OF VIEW FONMIN VAN DER STOEL'S BILATERAL MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WAS THE MOST SATISFACTORY AND ENJOYABLE OF ALL THE BRUSSELS SESSIONS. VAN LYNDEN WAS IMPRESSED BY THE CORDIALITY AND RELAXED ATMOSPHERE OF THEIR CONVERSATION, WHERE, AS HE SAID, THEY HAD BEEN ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH FROM START TO FINISH. MOST HEARTENING TO THE DUTCH WAS THE SECRETARY'S REITERATION THAT THE US WAS SYMPATHETIC TO THE NETHERLANDS' OIL PROBLEM AND INTENDED TO BE AS HELPFUL AS IT COULD AT SUCH TIME AS THE GON ADVISED THAT A SOLUTION COULD NOT BE FOUND THROUGH OTHER MEANS.
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